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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

William P. Fletcher III

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-5 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-9, 11-14, 16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Continuation of Attachment(s) 6). Other: definitions of "coat" and "protect".

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of applicant's response filed 23 August 2005. To clarify the record at this point in the prosecution, claims 1-17 are pending with claims 1-5 withdrawn from consideration.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 23 August 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues:

The claimed invention relates to a process for coating a substrate to provide a non-tacky protective coating or film thereon. In contrast, Karim discloses adhesive compositions, i.e. compositions that are used to bind two substrates to each other (emphasis in original).

and

Karim does not mention or suggest that its adhesive composition would be suitable for use in a process for coating a substrate to provide a cured non-tacky protective coating or film thereon. It is submitted that the skilled artisan would not use an adhesive composition as a coating composition, because adhesives are used to bond two substrates, not to provide a (protective) coating layer on a substrate.

Although the phrase "to provide a non-tacky protective coating or film" appears only in the preamble of each independent claim, it is the examiner's position that this phrase serves to limit the structure of the claimed invention and must, consequently, be given patentable weight. The determination of whether preamble recitations are structural limitations can be resolved only on review of the entirety of the application to gain an understanding of what the inventors actually invented and intended to encompass by the claim.¹ The examiner notes that the specification nowhere literally states that a "protective coating or film" is applied. Rather, as a review of pages 14 and 15 of the specification reveals, the "protective" nature of the film results

¹ *Pac-Tec Inc. v. Amerace Corp.*, 903 F.2d 796, 801, 14 USPQ2d 1871, 1876 (Fed. Cir. 1990)

from the particular physical properties of the cured film, such as abrasion resistance. Therefore, it is the examiner's position that the "protective" nature of the coating or film, within the context of this invention, is an inherent physical characteristic of the coating/film and that any coating/film, applied according to the active process steps recited in the body of each independent claim, is inherently a "protective coating or film" within the context of the invention. Consequently, because Karim teaches and suggests coating and curing an adhesive composition according to all of applicant's recited process steps, the film inherently functions a "protective coating or film" within the context of the invention.

Further, the words of a claim must be given their plain meaning unless applicant has provided a clear definition in the specification.² Ordinary, simple English words, whose meaning is clear and unquestionable, absent any indication that their use in a particular context changes their meaning, are construed to mean exactly what they say.³ As noted above, applicant has not provided any explicit definition of the phrase "protective coating or film" in the specification. The dictionary definition of the term "coat" is inclusive of providing a substrate with a protective layer.⁴ Further, the term "protect" means "to cover or shield from exposure, injury, or destruction."⁵ Consequently, any coating/film of any material on any surface necessarily serves to protect the underlying substrate, as evidenced both by the plain meaning of coating a substrate, and by the simple fact that any coating provides a physical barrier between the underlying substrate and overlying sources of exposure, injury, or destruction.

² *In re Zletz*, 893 F.2d 319, 321, 13 USPQ2d 1320, 1322 (Fed. Cir. 1989)

³ *Chef America, Inc. v. Lamb-Weston, Inc.*, 358 F.3d 1371, 1372, 69 USPQ2d 1857 (Fed. Cir. 2004)

⁴ See attached.

⁵ *Ibid.*

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Simply put, the adhesive composition of Karim is coated on the substrate (11:31-47). Thus, it is a coating, regardless of its composition or ultimate end-use. Since Karim teaches and suggests all of applicant's process steps, the coated adhesive inherently possesses protective characteristics within the context of the invention. Consequently, applicant's argument is not persuasive.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. **Claims 6-9, 11-14, 16, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karim et al. (US 6,057,382 A).**

These claims are rejected for the same reasons set-forth under this heading in the prior Office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

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6. Claims 10 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: These claims recite allowable subject matter for the reasons set-forth under this heading in the prior Office action.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William P. Fletcher III whose telephone number is (571) 272-1419. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy H. Meeks can be reached on (571) 272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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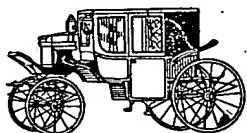
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Including the herrings and related forms — *clupeid* *adj*

clus-ter \ˈkluːs-tər/ *n* (ME, fr. OE *clyster*; akin to OE *clott* clot)
 1 : a number of similar things growing together or of things or persons collected or grouped closely together : BUNCH 2 : two or more consecutive consonants or vowels in a segment of speech — *clus-ter-y* \-t(ə)-rē/ *adj*
cluster *vb* *clus-ter-ing* \-(tə)-rɪŋ/ *vt* 1 : to collect into a cluster 2 : to furnish with clusters ~ *vi* 1 : to grow or assemble in a cluster
clutch \ˈklʌʃ/ *vb* [ME *clucchen*, fr. OE *clucan*; akin to *cluc* *glace* hand — more at CLING] *vt* 1 : to grasp or hold with or as if with the hand or claws usu. strongly, tightly, or suddenly 2 *obs* : CLENCH ~ *vi* 1 : to seek to grasp and hold *syn* see TAKE
clutch *n* 1 a : the claws or a hand in the act of grasping or seizing firmly b : CONTROL, POWER c : the act of grasping, holding, or restraining 2 : a device for gripping an object (as at the end of a chain or tackle) 3 a : a coupling used to connect and disconnect a driving and a driven part of a mechanism b : a lever operating such a clutch 4 : a tight or critical situation : PINCH
clutch *n* [alter. of dial. E *clutch* (hatching, brood)] : a nest of eggs or a brood of chicks
clut-ter \ˈklʌt-ər/ *vb* [ME *clotteren* to clot, fr. *clot*] *vt* : to fill or cover with scattered or disordered things that impede movement or reduce effectiveness ~ *vi*, chiefly *dial* : to run in disorder
clutter *n* 1 a : a crowded or confused mass or collection b : LITTER, DISORDER 2 chiefly *dial* : DISTURBANCE, HUBBUB
Clydes-dale \ˈklɪd-z-dāl/ *n* 1 a heavy feathered-legged draft horse of a breed orig. from Clydesdale, Scotland
Clydesdale *terrier* *n* : a small terrier of a breed distinguished by erect ears, long silky coat, or clypeo-atead \-ē-ā-tēd/ *adj* 1 : SCUTATE 2 : having a clypeus or petalate part
clypeo-us \ˈklɪp-ē-əs/ *n*, pl *clype-i* \-ē-i, -ē-ē/ [NL] : a plate on the anterior median aspect of an insect's head
clys-ter \ˈklɪs-tər/ *n* [ME, fr. MF or L; MF *clistere*, fr. L *clyster*, fr. Gk *klyster*, fr. *klyzein* to wash out] : ENEMA
Cly-tem-nes-tra \ˈklɪt-əm-ˈnes-trə/ *n* [L, fr. Gk *Klytemnestra*] : the wife of Agamemnon
c-mitosis *n* [colchicine + *mitosis*] : an artificially induced abortive nuclear division in which the chromosome number is doubled — *c-mitotic* *adj*
co- *prefix* [ME, fr. L, fr. *com-*; akin to OE *ge-*, perfective and collective prefix, Gk *koinos* common] 1 : with : together : joint : jointly (coexist) (cohere) 2 : in or to the same degree (coextensive) 3 a : fellow : partner (coauthor) (co-worker) b : having a usu. lesser share in duty or responsibility : alternate : deputy (copilot) 4 : of, relating to, or constituting the complement of an angle (cosine) (cocodilation)
co-ac-er-vate \kō-ˈas-ər-ˈvāt/ *n* [L *coacervatus*, pp. of *coacervare* to heap up, fr. *co-* + *acervus* heap] : an aggregate of colloidal droplets held together by electrostatic attractive forces — *co-ac-er-va-tion* \-(kō)-as-ər-ˈvā-shən/ *n*
coach \ˈkoʊʃ/ *n*, often *attrib* [ME *coche*, fr. MF, fr. G *kutsche*] 1 a : a large usu. closed four-wheeled carriage having doors in the sides and an elevated seat in front for the driver b : a railroad passenger car intended primarily for day travel c : BUS 1 a d : a house trailer e : an automobile body esp. of a closed model 1 : a class of passenger air transportation at a lower fare than first class 2 (fr. the concept that the tutor conveys the student through his examinations) a : a private tutor b : one who instructs or trains a performer or a team of performers; *specif* : one who instructs players in the fundamentals of a competitive sport and directs team strategy
coach *vb* 1 : to train intensively by instruction, demonstration, and practice 2 : to act as coach to 3 : to direct the movements of (a player) ~ *vi* 1 : to go in a coach 2 : to instruct, direct, or prompt as a coach — *coach-er* *n*
coach dog *n* : DALMATIAN
coach-man \ˈkōch-mən/ *n* 1 : a man whose business is to drive a coach or carriage 2 : an artificial fly with white wings, peacock feather body, brown hackle, and gold tag
co-act \kō-ˈakt/ *vi* : to act or work together — *co-ac-tive* \-ˈak-tiv/ *adj*
co-ac-tion \-ˈak-shən/ *n* 1 : joint action 2 : the interaction between individuals or kinds (as species) in an ecological community
co-ad-ju-tor \kō-ˈə-dju-tər, kō-ˈə-dju-tər/ *n* [ME *coadjutor*, fr. MF *coadjuteur*, fr. L *coadjutor*, fr. *co-* + *adjutor* aid, fr. *adjuvare* to help — more at AID] 1 : one who works together with another : ASSISTANT 2 : a bishop assisting a diocesan bishop and having the right of succession — *coadjutor* *adj*
co-ad-u-nate \kō-ˈə-dju-nat-, -nāt/ *adj* [LL *coadunatus*, pp. of *coadunare* to combine, fr. L *co-* + *adunare* to unite, fr. *ad-* + *unus* one — more at ONE] : UNITED; *specif* : grown together : CONFLUENT — *co-ad-u-na-tion* \-(kō)-ə-dju-nā-shən/ *n*
co-ag-u-la-bil-i-ty \kō-ˈag-yə-lə-bil-ə-tē/ *n* : the quality or state of being coagulable
co-ag-u-la-ble \kō-ˈag-yə-lə-bəl/ *adj* : capable of being coagulated
co-ag-u-lant \-ˈyə-lənt/ *n* : something that produces coagulation
co-ag-u-lase \-ˈlās-, -lāz/ *n* : an enzyme that causes coagulation
co-ag-u-late \kō-ˈag-yə-lāt-, -lāt/ *adj* : COAGULATED
co-ag-u-late \-ˈlāt/ *vb* [L *coagulare*, pp. of *coagulare* to curdle, fr. *coagulum* curdling agent, fr. *coagere* to drive together — more at COGENT] *vt* : to cause to become viscous or thickened into a coherent mass : CURDLE, CLOT ~ *vi* : to become coagulated — *co-ag-u-la-tion* \-(kō)-ag-yə-lā-shən/ *n*
co-ag-u-lum \kō-ˈag-yə-ləm/ *n*, pl *co-ag-u-lā* \-lā/ [L, coagulant] : a coagulated mass or substance : CLOT, CURD
coal \kōl/ *n*, often *attrib* [ME *col*, fr. OE; akin to OHG & ON *kol* burning ember, IrGael *gual* coal] 1 : a piece of glowing carbon or charred wood : EMBER 2 : CHARCOAL 1 3 a : a black or brownish black solid combustible substance formed by the partial decomposition of vegetable matter without free access of air and under the influence of moisture and often increased pressure and temperature that is widely used as a natural fuel



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b pl, Brit : pieces or a quantity of the fuel broken up for burning
coal *vt* 1 : to burn to charcoal : CHAR 2 : to supply with coal ~ *vi* : to take in coal
coal-er \ˈkō-lər/ *n* : something employed in transporting or supplying coal
co-ales-cence \kō-ə-ˈles/ *vi* [L *coalescere*, fr. *co-* + *alescere* to grow] 1 : to grow together 2 : to unite into a whole : FUSE *syn* see MIX — *co-ales-cence* \-ˈles-n(t)s/ *n* — *co-ales-cent* \-ˈnt/ *adj*
coal-fish \ˈkōl-fɪʃ/ *n* : any of several blackish or dark-backed fishes (as a pollack or sablefish)
coal gas *n* : gas made from coal : as a : the mixture of gases thrown off by burning coal b : gas made by carbonizing bituminous coal in retorts and used for heating and lighting
coal-ing \ˈkōl-ɪŋ/ *n*, often *attrib* [MF, fr. L *coalitus*, pp. of *coalescere*] 1 a : the act of coalescing : UNION b : a body formed by the coalescing of orig. distinct elements : COMBINATION 2 : a temporary alliance of distinct parties, persons, or states for joint action — *co-al-tion-ist* \-ˈlɪʃ-(ə)-nəst/ *n*
coal measures *n* pl : beds of coal with the associated rocks
coal oil *n* 1 : petroleum or a refined oil prepared from it 2 : KEROSENE
coal-sack \ˈkōl-sək/ *n* : either of two dark nebulae in the Milky Way located one near the Northern Cross and the other near the Southern Cross
coal tar *n* : tar obtained by distillation of bituminous coal
coal-tar dye *n* : a dye made from a coal-tar derivative; broadly : a synthetic organic dye
coam-ing \ˈkō-mɪŋ/ *n* [prob. irreg. fr. *comb*] : a raised frame (as around a hatchway in the deck of a ship) to keep out water
co-ap-t \kō-ˈapt/ *vi* [LL *coaptare*, fr. L *co-* + *aptus* fastened, fit] : to fit together and make fast — *co-ap-ta-tion* \-(kō)-ap-ˈtā-shən/ *n*
co-ar-c-tate \kō-ˈark-ˈtāt/ *adj* [L *coarctatus*, pp. of *coarctare* to press together, fr. *co-* + *artus* narrow, confined; akin to L *artus* joint] : CONSTRUCTED; *specif* : enclosed in a rigid case — *co-ar-c-ta-tion* \-(kō)-ark-ˈtā-shən/ *n*
coarse \ˈkō(ə)r-, ˈkō(ə)r-s/ *adj* [ME *cors*, fr. *course*, n.] 1 : of ordinary or inferior quality or value : COMMON, BASE 2 a (1) : composed of relatively large parts or particles (~ sand) (2) : loose or rough in texture (~ skin) b : adjusted or designed for heavy, fast, or less delicate work c : not precise or detailed with respect to adjustment or discrimination 3 : crude or unrefined in taste, manners, or language 4 : harsh, raucous, or rough in tone — *coarse-ly* *adv* — *coarse-ness* *n*
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prose *n* 1 a work in prose that has some of the qualities of a poem (as rhythm, patterned structure, or imaginative heightening) — **prose** *poet* *n*

prose *n* 1 a writer of prose 2 one who talks or writes tediously

Proserpine \prō-ˈsɛr-pi-nə\ *n* or **Proserpina** \prō-ˈsɛr-pi-nə\ *n* [L. *Proserpina*] : PERSEPHONE

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pros-ti-tu-tion \prōs-ˈtīt-ū-ˈtʃən\ *n* 1 the act or practice of indulging in promiscuous sexual relations esp. for money 2 the state of being prostituted : DEBASEMENT

prosto-mi-al \prō-ˈstō-mē-əl\ *adj* : of or relating to the pro-stomium

prosto-mi-um \prō-ˈstō-mē-əm\ *n* 1 **pro-sto-mia** \-mē-ə\ [NL, fr. Gk *pro-stoma* mouth] : the portion of the head of various worms and mollusks situated in front of the mouth and usu. held to be nonmetameric

prostrate \prōs-ˈtrāt\ *adj* [ME *prostrat*, fr. L. *prostratus*, pp. of *prostrare*, fr. *pro-* before + *sternere* to spread out, throw down — more at STREW] 1 a stretched out with face on the ground in adoration or submission b : extended in a horizontal position

FLAT 2 lacking in vitality or will : OVERCOME 3 trailing on the ground : PROCUMBENT (~ shrub) SYN see PRONE

prostrate *vi* 1 to throw or put into a prostrate position 2 to reduce to submission, helplessness, or exhaustion : OVERCOME

prostration \prōs-ˈtrā-shən\ *n* 1 the act of assuming a prostrate position b : the state of being in a prostrate position : ABASMENT 2 a complete physical or mental exhaustion : COLLAPSE b : HELPLESSNESS, POWERLESSNESS

prosy \prō-ˈzē\ *adj* 1 PROSAIC 2 TEDIOUS

pro- or **proto-** *comb form* [ME *protho-*, fr. MF, fr. LL *proto-*, fr. Gk *prōtō-*, fr. *prōtos*; akin to Gk *pro-* before — more at FOR] 1 : first in time (protolithic) (protomorph) 2 a first or lowest of a series and as such usu. having the smallest relative amount of a (specified) element or radical (protoxide) b : parent substance of a (specified) substance (protactinium) 3 : first formed : primary (protaxylem) 4 *cap* : relating to or constituting the recorded or assumed language that is ancestral to a language or to a group of related languages or dialects (Proto-Indo-European)

prot-ac-tin-i-um \prōt-ak-ˈtīn-ē-əm\ *n* [NL] : a shiny metallic radioelement of relatively short life — see ELEMENT table

prot-ag-on-ist \prō-ˈtā-g-ə-nist\ *n* [Gk *protāgonistēs*, fr. *prōt-* + *agōnizesthai* to compete, fr. *agōn* contest, competition at games — more at AGONY] 1 : one who takes the leading part in a drama, novel, or story 2 : the leader of a cause : CHAMPION 3 : a muscle that by its contraction actually causes a particular movement

protamine \prōt-ə-ˈmēn\ *n* [ISV] : any of various simple strongly basic proteins that are not coagulable by heat but are soluble in water and dilute ammonia

protasis \prōt-ə-ˈsīs\ *n* 1 **prot-a-sis** \-ə-sēz\ [LL, fr. Gk, premise of a syllogism, conditional clause, fr. *proteinein* to stretch out before, put forward, fr. *pro-* + *teinō* to stretch — more at THIN] 1 : the introductory part of a play or narrative poem 2 : CONDITION 2b — **prot-at-ic** \prōt-ˈat-ik\ *adj*

prote- or **proteo-** *comb form* [ISV, fr. F *protéine*] : protein (<proteolysis> (<protease>)

protea \prōt-ē-ə\ *n* [NL, genus name, fr. L. *Proteus*, sea god able to assume various shapes] : any of a genus (*Protea*) of the family Proteaceae, the protea family) of evergreen shrubs often grown for their showy bracts and dense flower heads

protean \prōt-ē-ən, prōt-ē-ən\ *adj* 1 : of or resembling Proteus : VARIABLE 2 : readily assuming different shapes or roles

protease \prōt-ē-ās, -āz\ *n* [ISV] : PROTEINASE, PEPTIDASE

protect \prōt-ēkt\ *vt* [L. *protectus*, pp. of *protegere*, fr. *pro-* in front + *tegere* to cover — more at PRO, THATCH] 1 a to cover or shield from injury or destruction : GUARD b : to save from consequences of financial loss 2 : to shield or foster by a protective tariff SYN see DEFEND

protection \prōt-ēk-shən\ *n* 1 the act of protecting : the state of being protected 2 a : one that protects b : the oversight or support of one that is smaller and weaker c : the freeing of the producers of a country from foreign competition in their home market by high duties or other restrictions on foreign competitive goods 4 a : immunity from prosecution purchased by criminals through bribery b : money extorted by racketeers posing as a protective association 5 : COVERAGE 2a — **pro-tec-tive** \-ˈtēk-tiv\ *adj* — **pro-tec-tive-ly** *adv*

protection-ism \shə-ˈniz-əm\ *n* : the doctrine or policy of protectionists

protection-ist \sh(ə)-ˈnəst\ *n* : an advocate of government economic protection for domestic producers through restrictions on foreign competitors — **protectionist** *adj*

protective tariff *n* : a tariff intended primarily to protect domestic producers rather than to yield revenue

pro-tec-tor \prōt-ēkt-ər\ *n* 1 a : one that protects : GUARDIAN b : a device used to prevent injury : GUARD 2 : one having the care of a kingdom during the king's minority : REGENT — **pro-tec-tor-ship** \-ˈtēk-tər-ˈshɪp\ *n* — **pro-tec-tress** \-ˈtēk-tres\ *n*

pro-tec-tor-al \-ˈtēk-t(ə)-rəl\ *adj* : of or relating to a protector or protectress

pro-tec-tor-ate \-ˈtēk-t(ə)-rət\ *n* 1 a : government by a protector b : the government of England (1653–59) under the Cromwells c : the rank, office, or period of rule of a protector 2 a : the relationship of superior authority assumed by one power or state over a dependent one b : the dependent political unit in such a relationship

pro-tec-to-ry \-ˈt(ə)-rē\ *n* : an institution for the protection and care usu. of homeless or delinquent children

pro-tégé \prōt-ə-ˈzhā, prōt-ə-ˈā\ *n* [F, fr. pp. of *protéger* to protect, fr. L. *protegere*] : a man under the care and protection of an influential person usu. for the furthering of his career

pro-tégée \prōt-ə-ˈzhā, prōt-ə-ˈā\ *n* [F, fem. of *protégé*] : a female protégé

pro-téid \prōt-ēd, prōt-ē-əd\ *n* [ISV, fr. *protein*] : PROTEIN 1

pro-téide \prōt-ē-īd\ *n* [ISV, fr. *protein*] : PROTEIN 1

pro-téin \prōt-ēn, prōt-ē-ən\ *n*, often attrib [F *protéine*, fr. LGk *prōteios* primary, fr. Gk *prōtos* first — more at PROT-] 1 : any of numerous naturally occurring extremely complex combinations of amino acids that contain the elements carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, usu. sulfur, occas. phosphorus, iron, or other elements, are essential constituents of all living cells, and are synthesized from raw materials by plants but assimilated as separate amino acids by animals 2 : the total nitrogenous material in plant or animal substances

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